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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE WILL NOT SUPPORT ELF, SAYS AL AHRAH COLUMNIST

1. LEAD ARTICLE IN ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF JUNE 24, REPORTS PRESS CONFERENCE WITH EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST HEADLINED "ARAB LEAGUE WILL NOT SUPPORT ELF; OPPOSES DISMEMBERMENT OF ETHIOPIA."

2. ACCORDING ARTICLE, DR. ABDULMALIK AWDA, POLITICAL COLUMNIST OF AL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AHRAH, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO TOUR AFRICAN COUNTRIES BY ARAB LEAGUE

SECGEN MUHAMUD RIAD TO ASSESS AFRO-ARAB RELATIONS. DR. AWDA QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ETHIOPIA HAS RIGHT TO SAFEGUARD HER UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND ARAB LEAGUE WOULD NOT UNDERTAKE ACTIONS WHICH WOULD INTERFERE WITH ETHIOPIAN SOVEREIGNTY. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE FACTIONS WITHIN THE ARAB LEAGUE SUPPORTING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA AND ASIA, "THE LEAGUE AS A WHOLE" SUPPORTS ONLY THOSE MOVEMENTS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU. THE ERITREAN PROBLEM, DR. AWDA SAID, IS AN INTERNAL ISSUE AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

3. PROFESSOR AWDA DISCLOSED THAT THE ARAB 12-MAN COMMITTEE IS PROPOSING A MEETING OF THE JOINT AFRO-ARAB COMMITTEE IN CAIRO ON JULY 9 AND 10 TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT KAMPALA OAU CM/SUMMIT MEETINGS. HE ALSO PROPOSED THAT 12-MAN AFRICAN AND 12-MAN ARAB COMMITTEES STUDYING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO BLOCS SHOULD JOINTLY CONVENE AFTER OAU SUMMIT TO MAP OUT FIELDS OF COOPERATION.

4. PROFESSOR AWDA NOTED THAT THE ARAB LEAGUE IS TO HOLD A SPECIAL CONFERENCE ON "LIBERATION AND DEVELOPMENT" IN KHARTOUM ON DECEMBER 6 THROUH 10 OF THIS YEAR. TWENTY-FIVE AFRICAN AND 25 ARAB EXPERTS ALONG WITH TEN OUTSTANDING PERSONALITIES FROM REGIVNAL ORGANIZATIONS"LIKE THE OAU, ECA AND ARAB LEAGUE" WILL MEET TO DISCUSS "POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIBERATION FOR THE AFRO-ARAB PEOPLES."

5. IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISM AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES FOR NOT HAVING FULFILLED MATERIAL PROMISES TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES AFTER 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR, PROFESSOR AWDA SAID THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON PRINCIPLE REFUSED TO ACKNOWLEDGE ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES AND SEVERE DIPLOMATIC TIES. ARAB COUNTRIES ON THE OTHER HAND CONTINUED TO ASSIST LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

6. COMMENT: EVEN THOUGH SOME ARAB COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ELF/PLF, IT SHOULD PROVE USEFUL TO EPMG, BOTH IN OAU AND DOMESTIC CIRCLES, TO HAVE PROMINENT EGYPTIANS PURPORTING TO SPEAK FOR ARAB LEAGUE COME OUT PUBLICLY ON SIDE OF ETHIOPIAN UNITY.
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